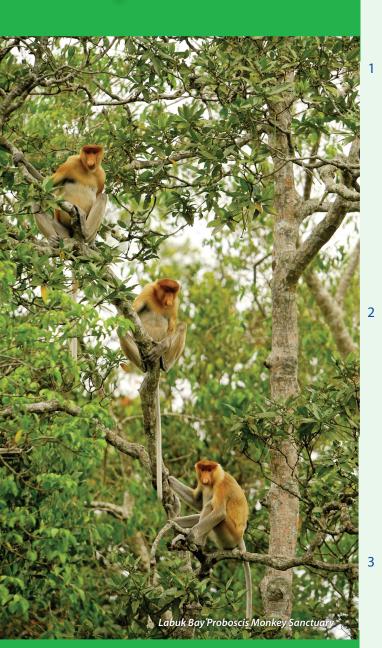
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Places of Interest

Kota Kinabalu



TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PARK

TANJUNG ARU BEACH

most reputed hotels and resorts.

SABAH STATE MOSQUE

Puh Toh Si Temple

Encompassing the islands of Gaya, Manukan, Mamutik, Sapi and Sulug, Tunku Abdul Rahman Park is a favourite among sun-seekers, snorkellers, divers and underwater photographers. The waters are home to an abundance of aquatic life and colourful corals. Accommodation ranges from a five-star resort on Gaya Island and chalets on Manukan Island. This park is accessible via a 20-minute speedboat ride from Kota Kinabalu. Tel: 088 523 500 (Sabah Parks)

Just 6km from the city, this beautiful beach beckons locals and

holidaymakers alike with its scenic views and relaxing atmosphere.

The beach is lined by casuarinas (or 'aru' in the local language) and

food stalls that sell a variety of local and Western snacks. Every

evening, shutterbugs and visitors flock to the beach to watch the

glorious sunset. Tanjung Aru beach is the site of some of the state's

Boasting a combination of traditional Islamic architecture and

contemporary design, this splendid mosque is one of the most

outstanding structures in Kota Kinabalu. One of the most attractive

features of the mosque is its majestic dome and stunning gold inlay

motifs. The mosque can accommodate up to 5,000 worshippers at

SABAH STATE MUSEUM & HERITAGE VILLAGE

at the heritage village.

KK HANDICRAFT MARKET

Tel: 088 253 199

Situated on Bukit Istana Lama, the 17-hectare complex comprises

the main museum, the Science and Education Centre, a Heritage

Village, the Sabah Art Gallery and the Museum of Islamic Civilisation.

The exhibits, which reflect the state's rich cultural heritage and

trading history, include ceramics, traditional weapons, costumes,

musical instruments and more. Cultural activities are held regularly

If there is one place that avid collectors should not miss, this



Fair is the place to experience a slice of Sabah's lifestyle. The fair is held every Sunday from 6.30am to 1.00pm and the traffic is closed to make way for the hundreds of stalls that sprout along the roadside. Visitors can find everything from batik sarongs, antiques, arts, handicrafts and souvenirs to footwear, toys and food.



AQUARIUM & MARINE MUSEUM

Situated within the perimeter of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, this state-of-the-art aguarium and museum are touted to have some of the best facilities in Borneo. Attractions include free-standing exhibition tanks, a live open water reef exhibition centre, a live shallow reef exhibition centre, a mangrove walk, a contemporary marine and maritime museum, a multimedia interactive information kiosk and the Sipadan deep dive diorama. Universiti Malaysia Sabah is about 15 minutes' drive from the city centre. Tel: 088 320 121 Website: www.ums.edu.my



Madinah, Saudi Arabia.



MENARA TUN MUSTAPHA (SABAH FOUNDATION **BUILDING**)



The late Tun Datu Haji Mustapha (1918 – 1995) was a visionary



Accommodation

D'Borneo Hotel **

High Street Inn

Hotel Deleeton **

Hotel New Sabah

Hotel Shangri-La ***

The Klagan Hotel ***

Hyatt Regency Kinabalu ****

Le Meridien Kota Kinabalu ****

Cititel Express Kota Kinabalu ***

Tunku Abdul Rahman Park Gayana Eco Resort ****

Pulau Manukan Island Resort

Kudat Golf & Marina Resort ***

Promenade Hotel Tawau***

Perkasa Hotel Keningau **

Gaya Island Resort****

Sutera Harbour Resort *****

Tang Dynasty Hotel ***

The Jesselton Hotel ***

The Palace Hotel ****

Winner Hotel **

Hotel Sixty3***

Kota Marudu

King Park Hotel ***

Heritage Hotel **

Hotel Emas***

LA Hotel***

Hotel Juta ***

Sandakan

Hotel Nak

Hotel Ramai **

Sanbay Hotel

Seafest Hotel ***

Han Palace Hotel*

Kingston Grace Hotel**

Tang Dynasty Lodge **

Celvn Resort Kinabalu

Mesilau Nature Resort

Kinabalu Rose Cabin

Borneo Nature Lodge

Barefoot Sukau Lodge

Myne Resort

Jasaria Hotel

River Park Hotel

The Gem Hotel

Kuala Penyu

Sukau Rainforest Lodge

OIB Garama Base Camp

Tempurung Seaside Lodge

Beringgis Beach Resort ***

Langkah Syabas Resort

Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge

Proboscis Lodge Bukit Merapi

Borneo Proboscis River Lodge

Mount Kinabalu Heritage Resort & Spa ***

Dream World

Shangri-la Rasa Ria Resort ****

Lahad Datu

Asia Hotel

Hotel Sandakan ***

Sabah Hotel ****

Swiss Inn Waterfront***

Dragon Inn Floating Resort

Ibis Styles Sandakan Waterfront ***

Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan****

Celyn City Hotel ***

Megah D'Aru Hotel **

Best Western Kinabalu Daya Hotel ***

Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa *****

Hotel Bundusan **

Hotel Asia City

Hotel Garden

Tel: 088 231 99

Tel: 088 270 500

Tel: 088 526 888

Tel: 088 245 567

Tel: 088 528 888

Tel: 088 518 000

Tel: 088 529 888

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One of the city's most lively and colourful markets, the Gaya Street





CITY MOSQUE

The City Mosque is a stunning example of contemporary Islamic architecture. Built on a 2.47 acre site at Likas Bay, just 3km from the city centre, this mosque holds the distinction of being the largest mosque in Kota Kinabalu. The mosque complex, which houses three madrasahs and a prayer hall, can accommodate between 9,000 to 12,000 worshippers at a time. This beautiful floating mosque shares similar features with the Nabawi Mosaque in

Situated about 5km from the city centre, this impressive building is a circular tower of steel and glass. It has a central core with steel brackets supporting each floor. Standing at 30 storeys high, Menara Tun Mustapha is an icon of modern Sabah. When it was completed in 1977, it was one of the only three buildings in the world to have such design concept. The building has an auditorium, two mini theatres, an exhibition foyer, a gymnasium, a kindergarten and a

TUN MUSTAPHA GALLERY

leader who led Sabah to independence. This gallery chronicles the life and times of Tun Mustapha with exhibits that serve to honour his role and contributions to the state. The gallery is housed in a building that served as the Sabah State Assembly Buliding from



Shopping Shopping in Sabah is an adventure by itself, given the abundant variety of crafts, souvenirs and collectibles that are available. The capital city of Kota Kinabalu has everything from Sabah's own precious pearls, to bags, basketry, beads, accessories and much, much more. To experience an authentic shopping atmosphere, head to places such as KK Handicraft Market, Tamu Kota Belud or Gaya Street Market, where you can find a mindboggling collection of items. For everything else, there are a host of modern shopping malls around Kota Kinabalu, such as 1Borneo Hypermall, Suria Sabah Shopping Mall, Centre Point Sabah, Karamunsing Shopping Mall, Warisan Square and Wisma Merdeka Complex.



Tastebuds are truly pampered in Sabah as flavours from all around the world can be found here. Visitors can savour a variety of dishes, ranging from international fare, fast food to traditional delicacies. Among the dishes unique to Sabah are Beaufort Mee, which is Chinese-style fried noodles. Another local favourite is Mee Tuaran, where egg noodles are stir-fried with vegetables and garnished with eggs and slices of roast chicken or pork. Traditional ethnic favourites such as Hinava (a raw fish salad) or ambuyat (a thick sago "porridge") and bambangan (a pickle made of wild mangoes) are also available for the adventurous travellers. Sabah Vege is a type of vegetable that is found in Borneo. This fresh, crunchy vegetable is stir-fried and savoured with rice and other dishes.

Getting There

Sabah's main airport is the Kota Kinabalu International Airport, which is the second largest airport in Malaysia. It is situated about 20 minutes from the city. Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia and Malindo Air offer direct flights between Kota Kinabalu and Kuala Lumpur. There are also international flights to Kota Kinabalu from Brunei Darussalam, China, Singapore, Hong Kong and other regional airports in Asia. Sabah has a second airport which is known as the Low Cost Carrier Terminal or Terminal Two. It is situated about 7km from the main airport. Terminal Two is the hub for budget carriers such as AirAsia.

Getting Around

Despite the vast size of the state, getting around Sabah is relatively easy. Major towns in Sabah are linked by rural air services provided by MASwings. There are also airports in smaller towns such as Lahad Datu, Sandakan and Tawau. The more remote towns of Kudat and Semporna are equipped with airstrips. For a more interesting way to travel, visitors can take the local train with connects Tanjung Aru to Beaufort and Tenom. It takes visitors past the scenic Padas Gorge and local settlements. Sabah has an excellent express bus network that connects various parts within the state.

Useful Contacts

Tourism Malaysia Sabah Office Tel: 088 211 732 / 248 698

Tourist Information Centre (Terminal 1) Tel: 088 413 359

Sabah Tourism Board Tel: 088 212 121





Tourism Infoline: 1 300 88 5050 (within Malaysia only) Website: www.malavsia.travel

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Wisma Merdeka

Star City

Suria Sabah

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Post Office

Sports Complex

Important Landmark

Library

Legend

Hotel

Shopping

Dive Site

Hospital / Clinic

Fire Station

Bus Station

Taxi Station

Tourist Information Centre

Built-up Area

River / Lake

Expressway

Places of Interest

Atkinson Clock Tower

Double Six Monument

Gaya Street (Sunday Market)

Kota Kinabalu City Waterfront

Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre

Museum of Islamic Civilization

Science and Technology Centre

Central Market

Grand Illusions

Istana Negeri

Jesselton Point

KK Esplanade

KK Chocolate House

KK City Bird Sanctuary

KK Handicraft Market

Field / Recreation

Secondary Road

Railway Route & Station

Place of Interest

Tourism Malaysia Office

University / College Kinabalu Golf Club (KGC) Place of Worship Kinabalu Yacht Club Jetty Land & Survey Departmen Golf Course North Borneo Yachting Queen Elizabeth Hospital Mountain Sabah State Cultural Complex Sabah State Library Sutera Harbour Golf & Country Club Sutera Harbour Marina & Country Club Tanjung Aru Railway Station Wisma Kastam Sabah Wisma Pelabuhan Wisma Tun Fuad Stephens Best Western Kinabalu Daya Bunga Raya Island Resort, Gaya Island Celyn City Cititel Expres

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Central Police Station

DBKK (City Hall)

Jesselton Point (Ferry Terminal)

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High Street Inn

Hyatt Regency

Imperial Bouted

KK Times Square

Manukan Island Resort

Ming Garden Hotel & Residences

Pacific Sutera Harbour Resort & Spa

Le Meridien

Megah D'Aru

New Sabah

Oceania

King Park

Kingston

Manja

Information Centre Sabah Tourism Board

is it! Situated along Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, this market has a bewildering array of crafts and pretty souvenirs. Stretching for miles, the streets are filled with pareos, sarongs, the famous Sabah pearls, traditional musical instruments, bags, fabrics and a whole

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Situated in the heart of Southeast Asia, Malaysia is a vibrant destination with a diversity of cultures and traditions. This tropical paradise boasts pristine jungles and verdant national parks that are teeming with numerous species of birds and wildlife. Malaysia's sun-drenched islands and beaches are home to a stunning range of marine life. Its natural wealth is complemented by magnificent modern landmarks and heritage buildings. There is something to charm every visitor, be it a history-lover, natureenthusiast, sun-seeker or an avid shopper. Explore the length and breadth of the country to discover the many attractions of Malaysia!

Sabah

one of the highest peaks in Southeast Asia. Another jewel which include endangered animals and tropical plants.

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Major Road

Sungai Sungai

Luang Manis •

Kota Kinabatangan

Pintasan •

Labuk Bay

Pulau Layang Layang

SOUTH CHINA SEA

- Tunku Abdul Rahman Park

Mesapol •

- Coral Flyers (Island Zipline)

MALAYSIA .

KOTA KINABALU

- State Mosque

BRUNEI

- Atkinson Clock Tower

Lok Kawi Wildlife Park

Sabah Tourism Board Building

Museum of Islamic Civilisation



SULU SEA

Sandakan - Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre

neo Sun Bear Conservation Centre

CELEBES SEA

Semporna

Mataking

Sandakan War Memorial

Danum Valley

MALIAU BASIN (SABAH'S LOST WORLD)

Touted as Sabah's Lost World, Maliau Basin is a remote and isolated area containing a rare assemblage of 12 types of forests. The seventiered Maliau Falls is a breathtaking sight here. Naturalists and hardcore adventurers will cherish the long treks and birdwatching opportunities. Tours to Maliau Basin is best done in groups due to the limited communication facilities and amenities. The staging points to Maliau Basin are Keningau and Tawau. Prior permission must be obtained from Yayasan Sabah.



UPSIDE DOWN HOUSE

This unique attraction is the first-of-its-kind in Southeast Asia and one of the only five upside down structures in the world. The charming Sabah kampung house is literally flipped upside down, with the floor facing skyward and the ceiling facing below. Visitors can have the bizarre feeling of walking on the ceiling while the furniture stands above your head! This architectural feat has been listed in the Malaysia Book of Records. A café and gift shop is Tel: 088-260 263

Website: www.upsidedownhouse.com.my



RAINFOREST DISCOVERY CENTRE

The Rainforest Discovery Centre is an environmental education centre focused on Borneo's rainforests. Originally established for students and teachers, the centre is now open to the public. One of the most interesting activities here is walking along the 347m canopy walkway. It is the first-of-its-kind in the country and one of few such structures in Southeast Asia. This centre is situated in the Kabii-Sepilok Forest Reserve, only ten minutes away from the Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Tel: 089 533 780 / 781

Website: www.forest.sabah.gov.my



TABIN WILDLIFE RESERVE

Lahad Datu Sprawling over 120,500 ha, Tabin Wildlife Reserve is home to three of Sabah's largest mammals; the Borneo pygmy elephant, Sumatran rhino and Tembadau. It is one of the biggest natural reserves in Borneo, with a rich assemblage of tropical plants. The active mud volcanoes here attract all kinds of animals and birds which come to feed on the mineral rich ground, making it ideal for wildlife observation. Accommodation is available in the form of jungle lodges.

Tel: 088-267 266 Website: www.tabinwildlife.com.my



CROCKER RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Spanning 139,919 ha of hill dipterocarp forest, the Crocker Range National Park is the largest terrestrial park in the state. Perched atop the famous Crocker Range, the park acts as an important water catchment area for Sabah's west coast. Endangered species of animals such as the orang utan, sun bear and clouded leopard are among the inhabitants of this park. Crocker Range National Park is located 144km from Kota Kinabalu and 13km from Keningau town. A hostel-type accommodation is available here.



KINABALU PARK

Kinabalu Park holds the distinction of being the first UNESCO World Heritage Park in Malaysia. Covering an area of 754 sq km, the park shelters more than 4,500 species of flora and fauna including orchids, ferns, Rhododendrons, palms, Nepenthes and even Rafflesia, the world's largest flower. The main attraction here is Mount Kinabalu, (4,095.2 km), one of the highest peaks in Southeast Asia. It is also the site of the annual Mount Kinabalu International

Tel: 088 523 500 / 889 095 (Sabah Parks Office)



TURTLE ISLANDS PARK

Sandakan Lying in the Sulu Sea, Turtle Islands Park is a cluster of three islands, Selingan, Bakungan Kecil and Gulisan. The park is a safe haven for the endangered green and hawksbill turtles. Visitors will get a chance to watch the marine turtles as they swim ashore to lay eggs. Selingan, the largest island, has a turtle hatchery, accommodation and other facilities. The park is accessible via an hour-long boat ride from Sandakar

Tel: 089 212 711 (Crystal Quest Sdn. Bhd.) Website: www.sabahparks.org.my



PULAU MATAKING

Situated about 80 minutes by boat from Sipadan, Mataking is a privately owned, one-resort island. It has everything for a perfect getaway, from beaituful dive sites, to a spa, an observation tower and jungle trails. An unusual attraction here is the Underwater Post Office, which is housed in an old cargo ship that was sunk to create an artificial reef. Divers can actually post their mail here in a waterproof postal bag and the mail is collected twice a week.

Tel: 089 770 022 (GTS Travel Services Sdn Bhd) Website: www.mataking.com



GUNUNG TRUSMADI

Tambunan Standing at an imposing height of 2,642m, Mount Trusmadi is the second highest mountain in Sabah. Scaling Mount Trusmadi is touted to be even more challenging than climbing Mount Kinabalu. Serious mountaineers who are up to the challenge will have to trek through 4.9 km of dense rainforest. Those who reach the peak at dawn will be rewarded by the awe-inspiring sight of Mount Kinabalu which lies 40km to the north. The climb starts at Tambunan and usually takes 3 days and 2 nights.



MOUNTAIN TORQ VIA FERRATA

Kundasang Via Ferrata, meaning 'iron road' in Italian, is a mountain path with a series of cables, rails and rungs that hug a cliff face. The Via Ferrata at Mount Kinabalu has the distinction of being the highest in the world. There are routes of varying levels of difficulty, such as a beginner's route and intermediate route. The trail begins at Panar Laban Rock Face and reaches its highest point at 3,800m. Dormitory style accommodation is available.

Tel: 088-268 126 Website: http://mountaintorg.com



SEPILOK ORANG UTAN REHABILITATION CENTRE

This famous sanctuary is dedicated to the rehabilitation and conservation of orang utans. Situated at the edge of the Kabii-Sepilok Forest Reserve, the centre offers the chance to observe these primates up close in their natural habitat. Visitors can watch the young and orphaned orang utans being fed by rangers (Feeding times are at 10.00am and 3.00pm). The more adventurous can trek the 5km trail that runs through the mangrove forest at Sepilok Laut. Chalets are provided for overnight visitors. Tel: 089 531 189



PULAU MABUL

Only 15 minutes by speedboat from the famous Sipadan Island, Mabul is recognised as one of the best macro and muck-diving sites in the world. This small island is fringed by sandy beaches and perched on the corner of a huge sprawling reef. Blueringed octopus, mandarin fish, lionfish, frogfish, moray eels and spike-fin gobies are definite shoe stealers in the relatively shallow waters. Mabul is slightly larger than Sipadan and has several resorts as well as a local village.



MARI MARI CULTURAL VILLAGE

Only 25 minutes from Kota Kinabalu, Mari Mari Cultural Village is a vibrant destinatinon that gives an insight into Sabah's diverse cultural heritage. Nestled within a remote jungle setting, the village showcases five different ethnic communities - the Bajau sea gypsies, Kadazandusun rice farmers, Lundayeh hunters and fisherfolk, Rungus longhouse residents and the feared Murut headhunters. Enjoy activities such as blowpipe demonstrations, fire-making demonstrations, bamboo cooking, native dancing and try out the local food.

Tel: 088-260 501 Website: www.marimariculturalvillage.com



PULAU MANTANANI Kota Belud

Lying off the beaten track, Mantanani is a group of three remote islands - Mantanani Besar, Mantanani Kecil and Lungisan - located off the coast of Kota Belud. The waters around the islands have a visibility of 40m, offering a splendid view of blue spotted ray, pinkeyed gobbles, blue ringed octopus, bumphead parrotfish and sometimes dolphins. The islands are about 45 minutes away by speedboat from the Kuala Abai Jetty in Kota Belud. Accommodation



LOWER KINABATANGAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Stretching 560km in length, the Kinabatangan River is home to one of the world's most unique and richest ecosystems. The lower reaches of the river are home to a high concentration of the most varied wildlife in Southeast Asia. Exotic wildlife such as orang utan, proboscis monkeys, Asian elephants and Sumatran rhinos roam free in the jungle. This sanctuary is accessible from the village of Sukau about 50km from Sandakan. Trips must be pre-arranged



PULAU KAPALAI

Semporna Boasting crystal clear waters, Kapalai is situated about 45 minutes by boat from Semporna. Technically, Kapalai is not actually an island, but a large sandbank where a resort has been built on stilts. It is known more as a floating paradise comprising 40 chalets. View the colourful marine life as you stroll along the boardwalk that connects the various sections of the resort.

Tel: 089 765 200 (Reservation and enquiries) Website: www.sipadan-kapalai.com



Places of Interest



PADAS RIVER WHITE WATER RAFTING

The mighty Padas River is said to have the best rapids in Southeast Asia. Six foot waves and thrilling rapids between Grades 3 to 4 combine to create the adrenaline rush that rafters enjoy so much. The route covers a distance of 30km, making it the longest rafting route in Borneo. Padas River is located in the southwestern interior of Sabah and is accessible by train or overland via Beaufort.



KIULU RIVER WHITEWATER RAFTING

The Kiulu River whitewater rafting trip is ideal for those looking for a more relaxed rafting experience. Rated as moderately adventurous (Grade 1 - 2), the excursion features a maximum rafting distance of 15km when the water level is high and 7km at normal level. Professional rafting guides and equipment are available for hire. Kiulu River is located at Kampung Pukak Kiulu, about an hour's drive from Kota Kinabalu



THE TIP OF BORNEO (TANJUNG SIMPANG MENGAYAU)

This distinctive headland at the Kudat Peninsula, 40km from Kudat town, marks the northernmost tip of Borneo. Simpang Mengayau literally means 'lingering junction', a name given to the area where the South China Sea meets the Sulu Sea. Stand on land's end and watch the ocean or take a selfie at the flagpole and signboard that mark the location. The Pulau Kalampunian Lighthouse looms at a distance, adding to the beauty of the sunset.



DANUM VALLEY CONSERVATION AREA

Website: www.borneonaturetours.com

Lahad Datu Located 70km from Lahad Datu, this conservation area is a sanctuary for endangered animals including the Sumatran rhinoceros, Asian elephant, clouded leopard, proboscis monkey and orang utan as well as some 270 species of birds. The thriving paradise boasts spectacular waterfalls, meandering rivers and a canopy walkway to view the abundant birdlife. Other activities include wildlife photography, jungle-trekking and night safari. Danum Valley is the site of an award-winning rainforest lodge. Tel: 088 267 637 (Borneo Nature Tours Sdn. Bhd.)



PULAU SIPADAN

The internationally renowned Sipadan is reputed to be one of the top ten dive locations in the world. It is Malaysia's only oceanic island with a thrilling 600 m drop into an underwater abyss. Experienced divers return time and time again to Sipadan as it affords amazing views of manta rays, whale sharks, barracudas and turtles. To preserve the delicate ecosystem, there are only day trips to Sipadan. Accommodation is available in the neighbouring islands of Mabul and Kapalai.